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EMBARRASSING.

It must be embarrassing to the leaders of the Republican party in this State when the Globe-Democrat arraigns them for faithfulness to the Constitution.

For thirty years they have pursued the even tenor of their way, supposing that the Constitution had not been infringed by the issue of school certificates.

For thirty years Republican State Conventions have met in Missouri and have passed upon almost every conceivable subject incident to State and national politics.

But not one of these conventions has ever sought to make a party question of the school certificates or to put their status under "constitutional" suspicion. It remained for the profound "constitutional" lawyer and "expert" accountant of the Globe-Democrat to formulate an issue which had not been dreamed of by the distinguished Republican leaders of this State.

RED BLOOD—NOT BLUE.

Lord Rosebery's declaration that he would like to see an experiment for a year of a government formed entirely of business men, such, for example, as Mr. Carnegie and Sir Thomas Lipton. Instead of politicians, is a significant utterance for an Englishman to make.

The "politicians" to whom Lord Rosebery refers are almost exclusively aristocrats, men of his own class. They are the hereditary administrators of British affairs. The English idea has always been that any English Government not dominated by the nobility would be a dangerous and incapable Government. Almost the chief duty of men of the great families of England has been that of public service.

And yet, although the English nobility and gentry have undoubtedly been finely faithful to high ideals in public life, the belief is growing that they do not constitute the most capable governing class. There is a conviction that self-made men, strong and aggressive souls that have gone to the front by virtue of their own abilities rather than by inherited privilege, are England's best men. They are being looked to now for the salvation of the British Empire. The deplorable revelations of aristocratic incompetence brought about by the South African war have largely accounted for this epochal change of sentiment.

Great Britain is to be congratulated upon her growing democracy. About the only certain result of a system of hereditary rank is the decadence of families whose men are not compelled to make their own way in the world and the consequent decline of the nation whose destinies are placed in incompetent hands. The men who are just and strong and capable in their own right are the men who should govern. Whether they chance to be sons of shoemakers or sons of millionaires has no bearing upon the question of their individual worth or eligibility for high station.

GREAT HEAD.

The remarkable lawyer who is the adviser of the Globe-Democrat says that the investment of the School Fund in the "certificate" form is "unconstitutional."

It is very unfortunate for the State that our people did not at an earlier period have the benefit of the great wealth of "constitutional" lore stored away in the swollen brain of this Globe-Democrat lawyer.

It is also embarrassing for such eminent Republicans as Wells H. Blodgett, general solicitor of the Wahash Railway; John L. Bittinger, now Consul to Montreal; Senator O'Bannon of Dallas County; W. H. Wade, ex-Republican Congressman; Senators Kennish and Brewster, recently candidates of the Republican party for Congress in the St. Joseph District; Representative Tubbs of Osage, for many years leader of his party in the House, and other Republicans equally distinguished.

These eminent Republicans supposed that the investment of the School Fund in the form of certificates was in entire accord with the Constitution; but they may be excused for their ignorance in view of the fact that the "constitutional" lawyer and "expert accountant" of the Globe-Democrat had not at that time appeared in the legal and financial arena.

QUALIFY YOURSELF.

Unquestionably the happiest significance of the overwhelming vote cast in favor of the Charter amendments last month was that the citizens of St. Louis are fully aroused to a sense of the duty devolving upon them during the World's Fair period and firmly resolved upon the duty's performance.

The victory thus won for the Charter amendments, which was a victory for the New St. Louis, should logically mark the beginning of a brighter era for this city, an era in which the better element of the local population will more faithfully attend to the civic business which of right should be directed and controlled by clean and capable citizens.

The next consistent proof that St. Louisans propose to continue the full performance of duty to their home city

should be found in their prompt qualifying for the primaries. Without this qualification, enabling them to take part in municipal affairs from the very beginning of things, they will be helpless to prevent the domination of the baser element, the spoliemen, the machine ringsters, the grafters, the "what's in it for Skid?" politicians. If the primaries remain under the control of the machines the better element of voters will still be well-nigh helpless to secure fully the comprehensive good government so imperatively necessary throughout the World's Fair period.

The way to effectually shatter and overthrow all municipal machines is for every good citizen to qualify for the primaries, attend the primaries and insist upon honest action for the general good. Make up your mind that you will be one of the good citizens to do this. The welfare of the New St. Louis depends upon such action on the part of the city's honest and faithful sons. Register on the primary books.

IGNORING ISSUES.

None of the original issues raised by the Globe-Democrat concerning the finances of Missouri has been mentioned during the last few weeks. All of them have been ignored in disastrous efforts to bring up new questions by using garbled quotations from the statements issued by the Governor and Auditor.

This shifting and dodging and hedging, though perhaps a necessary confession of failure and guilt, is unworthy the serious charges that have been preferred against the integrity of honored officials. To the people of Missouri the insinuations of embezzlement should not be detected by the use of new inventions which have no bearing on the direct issue.

So far absolutely no proof of the specific allegations has been given. The personal honesty, official uprightness and efficiency of Democratic administration stands unassailed except through the unsupported charges of an anonymous "expert" who is shielded by the Globe-Democrat. The discredit which he has brought upon himself by adopting the methods of a slanderer has minimized the harm that he may try to do in the future.

Even the "tables" of this unknown "accountant" have been abandoned by the Globe-Democrat. From them the deduction was drawn that money belonging to the schools had been "looted" and that \$3 of revenue were required to pay \$1 of State debt.

These tables pretended to enumerate "discrepancies" between the amount of bonds retired and the amount of certificates of indebtedness issued, between the interest earned and the interest paid, between the amount of bonded debt and sum applied to its payment, and between the money received and that used for interest and sinking fund purposes.

Until these charges are proved the Globe-Democrat will not be permitted to shift the issue. If the original statements of the Globe are true there has been something worse than criminal negligence. If a single one of the allegations is correct taxpayers have a right to demand that the courts be given free course in sending the guilty official or officials to the Penitentiary.

Missourians who believe in the integrity of Democratic administration are disgusted with the continual hedging of the Globe. The abandonment of charges from day to day is in itself a vindication of the fiscal management of Missouri during the past twenty-eight years. The utter ignorance of the Globe regarding the conduct of the State's finances between 1865 and 1871 is also proof that partisan malice alone has influenced the slanders of the past few months.

FRIENDS.

With the return of the merchants' excursion from a week's sojourn in Southern States another bond of friendly neighborhood has been drawn closer. The commercial strength of the communities that have been visited and of St. Louis has been augmented in a way that will bear fruit for years to come. At no point did the business men from this city receive anything but the warmest greetings. The whole-hearted welcome that was extended to them was characteristic of the South and its reputation for hearty hospitality. The various social functions which they enjoyed were in keeping with the spirit of the occasion.

On the other hand, the personal acquaintance with representative business men of this city will work for a better understanding between them and the people who live in this part of the trade territory connected with St. Louis. An increased interest will be manifested in the affairs of St. Louis. The gain in social friendship is not secondary to the trade interest aroused.

FACTS VS. FANCY.

In the anonymous fancy which the Globe-Democrat is making on the integrity of Democratic officials, past and present, a chief reliance has been placed on the highly moral and uplifting Sunday contributions of "the Old Politician." At various times attention has been called to the peculiar manner in which this creature of the Globe has drawn lessons from alleged actions of prominent citizens of Missouri.

Major Harvey W. Salmon's character as State Treasurer was impugned by the insinuations of this falsehood of the Globe. What purported to be the details of financial transactions involved in the conversion of Government bonds into State bonds were given with the accompanying innuendo that Major Salmon had lined his purse with a "rake-off." As a matter of fact, Major Salmon was not State Treasurer at the time of the transactions mentioned and could have had no possible connection with the handling of funds.

That aside, "the Old Politician" in making his insinuations has performed some mathematical gymnastics that would be unworthy of a pupil in the primary grades. As an instance of the character of the entire series of "grapevine" correspondence the calculations of the anonymous writer are worthy of study.

In December, 1875, the State sold \$1,671,000 of United States bonds for \$1,913,806, and with the money purchased Missouri bonds. Another Walker in his report stated that the premium obtained

for the Government bonds was 14 1/2 per cent.

Speaking of a rat-hole, "the Old Politician" asserts that as a matter of fact the premium actually secured was less than 12 per cent. He refers to the bond reports of the United States Treasury as authority for saying that the bonds should have brought 14 per cent premium.

This latter statement will be accepted, but Missourians will have to study a new arithmetic before they believe that \$242,266, the premium actually received, or the difference between \$1,913,806 and \$1,671,000, is less than 12 per cent of the principal, or \$1,671,000. According to the rules generally accepted in banks and other counting rooms \$242,266 is 14.49 per cent of \$1,671,000. The State received more for Government bonds than the bond reports mentioned by "the Old Politician" say should have been received.

Watch the rat-hole. Using the same liberal method of calculation—a method which seems to work in inverse ratio, according to whether official integrity is assailed—this expert of the Globe figures that, at 14 1/2 per cent premium, \$1,671,000 of bonds should have brought \$2,420,385, or a cash premium of \$748,785.

Since when has \$748,785 been considered 14 1/2 per cent of \$1,671,000? Using the accepted rules of addition and subtraction, this alleged correct premium of "the Old Politician" is found to be 44.7 per cent of the par value of the United States bonds sold.

Perhaps this anonymous expert of the Globe thinks that the people do not watch the "rat-hole." Passing off such figures as facts is characteristic of the entire set of tables set up by the Globe. Even the blindest partisan bent on destroying the character of honored officials will hardly submit to this assumption of ignorance on their part.

TO HURT THE STATE.

Our flustered enemy, the Globe-Democrat, says that a "ring" has issued "a lot of unconstitutional certificates of debt without a cent of cash value."

The humblest and least informed of Missouri's citizens knows that this statement is a slander upon this great State.

Since when did the promise to pay of the State of Missouri become worthless?

These slanders can have but one effect, if any at all, and that is to impeach the credit of the State in other parts of the country.

There is not a Missourian, black or white, who does not know that the Globe-Democrat is a willful falsifier in making such a statement.

LET US TAKE A LOOK.

When the Globe-Democrat inaugurated its new campaign of slandering Missouri it secured the services of an alleged "Missouri expert accountant," who deliberately made four false charges against the Democratic management in this State.

That paper now vows to demonstrate by the aid of this so-called "expert accountant" that the report of Messrs. Haskins & Sells is discrepant and deceptive. If that can be done, bring your "expert" out into the open and let the people of Missouri take a look at him. Anonymous "expert accountants," like anonymous writers, are unworthy of recognition among respectable men.

Among the recent falsehoods of the Globe-Democrat is the following: "The report of the Allen and Dockery experts in the official pamphlet is not signed by the experts as published." This is such an unreasonable falsehood and so easily exposed that the utterance is a discredit even in the Globe-Democrat. The report is signed by the experts, as shown by the official pamphlet.

One of the Globe's assistant experts—over his own name, strange to say—has confessed that the General Assembly in 1872 was compelled to issue a certificate of indebtedness for \$900,000 in order to cover a deficit made by the Republicans. This is one of the things that the Globe ignores.

Following the recent elections there has been a refreshing silence on the part of the political doctors who until then insisted that their reorganizing or disorganizing nostrums were all that could save Democracy.

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As the truth about the Republican loss of the Twelfth Congressional District becomes known the surprise over President Roosevelt's displeasure with National Committeeman Kerens lessens.

Municipal ownership of public utilities will not be helped by the extension of the Suburban railway franchises to 1933—seventeen years beyond the limit of the longest present franchise.

The public is still waiting for the name of the original expert in the woodpile of the Globe-Democrat. Or does the Globe get a new anonymous expert with every new set of figures?

In the expected fight between Roosevelt and Hanna on the trust issue, Teddy will tremendously disappoint the American people if his gaudiness fails him at the critical moment.

After shedding crocodile tears for the misdeeds of his Boxers the Emperor of China now further curries foreign favor by offering to decorate the envoys with double dragons.

President Roosevelt's recognition of a negro soldier whom he had only seen casually in Santiago merely proves that all coons don't look alike to him.

That blizzard now raging in New York State is probably a section of the cold wave that struck Tammany somewhat earlier in New York City.

To raise that \$30,000 for a World's Fair fraternal building the Modern Woodmen of the World naturally propose to do a lot of axing.

Chicago's war on rag-time music may not inappropriately be described as a haleyoon and vociferous gun hunt.

PLAYHOUSE FAVORITES.



SELENE JOHNSON, Who has just returned to the O'Neill production of "Monte Cristo," after an absence of several months.

NEWS OF THEATRICALS—ON ARRIVAL AND NEW BILLS.

Two special trains of six cars each brought the Ben-Hur organization to St. Louis from Chicago yesterday. The first section conveyed the company of 36 people. The second section carried the scenery, properties, mechanical effects and horses and camels. It was like a circus. Twelve horses are carried for the chariot races, which is pronounced the most thrilling stage incident ever invented.

Four horses are carried to provide against accident, which happily has never occurred. It took forty wagons to transfer the scenic equipment to the theater. Forty-eight thousand feet of canvas are used in the racing cyclorama alone. This enormous spread revolves on cylinders at lightning speed in an opposite direction from the way in which the horses are racing in the chariot race for forty-five seconds actual time, although it seems longer on account of the breathless interest of the observer.

All the scenes are most elaborate in construction and require a force of seventy-three stage mechanics to efficiently handle. Most of the effects are stored in buildings across the alley from the stage door of the theater and will be carried in and out of the Olympic as the production demands. "Ben-Hur" is conceded to be the bravest scenic production of the American stage and has been seen here to-night at the Olympic in all its detail. St. Louis is the only city in the West where this much-talked-of dramatic spectacle may be seen.

Notwithstanding the temptations presented by such a combination of Sunday afternoon and bracing weather as yesterday afforded, a crowd which well-nigh filled the main floor of the Olympic auditorium attested to the fact that the "Sunday Popular Concerts" are such in fact as well as in name. Robert was unexpectedly obliged to resort to the piano, and rendered a selection from Banquet in a style that made the audience sink into insouciance. Of the other and less well-known performers, Mr. Jacob Blumberg deserves special mention in his rendition of the "Hungarian Rhapsody, Op. 43," by Liszt. Though quite youthful in appearance, he has the bearing and the facility of a veteran artist. Mr. Harold Gordon has a tenor voice of much sweetness and power, and sang with effectiveness, though his voice was not all that is to be desired.

Miss Eugenia Getner sang Verdi's "Allor Chel Soriti" in a way that showed careful preparation, though her voice, on account of her youth, was not as well as it should be. The music of her second number, Gounod's "The Death of Joan of Arc," Mr. Robyn's own composition, "A Storm at Sea," which appeared on the program for the first time, was well received. It is to be hoped that the Odeon management will make an attempt to put the organ into suitable condition, that confidence may be restored.

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COMMISSION INDORSES THE NICARAGUAN CANAL ROUTE.

ESTIMATED COST OF TWO CANAL ROUTES.
To buy Panama Canal and franchises, \$109,000,000.
To finish Panama Canal, 144,000,000.
Total, \$253,000,000.
To build Nicaragua Canal, \$18,000,000.
Difference in favor of Nicaraguan route, \$235,000,000.

Unanimous Report, Agreed Upon Saturday, Disposes of Panama Company's Scheme.
QUESTION OF COST CONSIDERED
Difference of \$64,000,000 Shown in Estimates on Two Routes—Only Hope of Hutin and Associates Now Rests in Powerful Lobby.

WASHINGTON, Nov. 17.—The Isthmian Canal Commission signed its report on Saturday. The report is now being collated and will probably be handed to the President this week. It will follow the same lines as the preliminary report of last winter, but with important changes in the estimates. The first hint of these is given herewith.

The estimate of cost for the Nicaraguan Canal, in the preliminary report, was \$200,000,000. The final report shows a saving of about \$120,000,000. The site of the big dam has been changed from San Carlos to Conchagua, and in this item alone, a saving of \$20,000,000 and \$1,000,000 has been made. The middle of Sillio Lake terminal route nearest to Greytown has been selected as better than the Memorial or Lall surveys, north and south of Greytown, respectively.

The final report emphatically indorses the Nicaragua route as preferable to the one at Panama. This selection is made for two general reasons. The physical conditions and geographical position of the Nicaragua route are regarded as superior, and the lack of a definite proposition and the involved legal and diplomatic difficulties in the way of a transfer of the Panama scheme to the United States are considered insuperable.

Nicaraguan Canal Much Cheaper.
The report will be a volume of 50 or 60 pages. Full investigation of both Nicaragua and Panama routes will be shown. The long correspondence between the commission and the Panama people will be given in full.

The estimate of the cost of buying the Panama property and rights is made from a long statement furnished by Mr. Hutin, as to the Panama company's estimate as to the value of its property. This correspondence will show that the Panama people have been before the commission, and will sustain the contention that their sole object has apparently been to gain time by delaying final action by the United States upon the canal question.

As to the value of what the Panama company has in the way of work done, machinery and material on hand and concessions made, the only estimate the commission has been able to get is \$109,000,000. The cost of completing the Panama is put at \$144,000,000. This makes a total for the Panama Canal of \$253,000,000, or \$64,000,000 in favor of the Nicaragua route.

Report Will Be Unanimous.
The report of the meeting of the commission was held Friday, and there was not entire harmony in the proceedings early in the day. One or two members of the commission were inclined to make the report less committal as to finality of routes. For a time a divided report was threatened, but after a long session, over, peace was restored and the report as it will be rendered was made unanimous.

The Panama interests have abandoned all hope of assistance from the commission's report and, as stated in The Republic, will now concentrate their efforts upon Congress and upon a powerful lobby and its influential allies.

AMERICAN ACTORS SUCCEED IN LONDON.

British Playgoer Seems Kindly Disposed to Productions Originating in This Country.

LONDON, Nov. 17.—All the old favorites at the London theaters are doing phenomenal business. "San Toy," at the Daly's Theater, promises to reach its one thousandth performance. William Gillette keeps the Lyceum packed with "Sherlock Holmes," and "The Last of the Banditti" at Her Majesty's Theater, is equally popular. The American productions, "Are You a Mason?" at the Shaftesbury Theater; "When We Were Twenty-one," at the Comedy; and "Kitty Grey," at the Apollo, are not a bit behind their English rivals. A further success for the American actors is at Terry's Theater, where a harvest by the re-elected interest exhibited by the British public in the American actors.

"The Night of the Party," at the Avenue Theater, will be taken off to-night, after a successful run.

In three weeks "The Second in Command" will be withdrawn from the Haymarket Theater to make way for Sidney Grundy's comedy, "Frocks and Frills," while "The Under Current," at the Criterion Theater, may shortly be succeeded by a revival of "The Cenci."

Souza is doing a great success in the provinces. He is admittedly far away from the most interesting figure in music in this country. Appreciation of the fact is evidenced by record audiences. There are already large bookings for his fortnight of concert in London, commencing November 22.

Another American, Dennis O'Sullivan, is the recipient of unstinted praise from the critics and the public. His Irish song recital November 11 roused the audience to a pitch of enthusiasm seldom seen in a concert-room.

FOUGHT OVER A CRAPS GAME.

Ambrose Algy, a Negro, Probably Fatally Wounded.

Recourse to pistols for the settling of a dispute over a game of craps resulted in the wounding of Ambrose Algy, a negro porter, with four caliber bullets last night at the residence of the residence of Charles C. Spink, No. 421 West Belle place. The victim, who is a resident of the City, was taken to the City Hospital. Examination disclosed the seriousness of all the wounds. One bullet penetrated the abdomen, a second struck just above the heart, entering the left lung, a third struck the right shoulder, passing into the right lung, a fourth hit the left cheek bone.

At the City Hospital, where he reached the hospital an hour after the shooting, he was conscious, and apparently still strong. The physicians performed the last operation on the abdomen, and apparently still strong. The victim, who is a resident of the City, was taken to the City Hospital. Examination disclosed the seriousness of all the wounds. One bullet penetrated the abdomen, a second struck just above the heart, entering the left lung, a third struck the right shoulder, passing into the right lung, a fourth hit the left cheek bone.

Loie Fuller Has a Case.
Sues German Railroad for Damages to Her Costly Scenery.

SPECIAL BY CABLE.
Berlin, Nov. 17.—(Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)—Miss Loie Fuller has arrived here with her troupe of Japanese.

On her way she gave a performance at Cologne, worth \$12,500, sent on here.

Judge her own when, on its arrival, "La Loie" found that she had been packed in open wagons without anything placed over it for protection. The result was, that, owing to persistent rain, the whole lot, including beautiful picture curtains, purchased new in Paris, the Japanese pictures and picture frames and delicate scenery was all soaked and entirely spoiled. Fuller at once placed the matter in the hands of a lawyer and will claim full damages from the state railroad.

POLICE MAKE QUICK CATCH.

Arrest a Man Who Is Identified as a Hold-Up.

Edward Callahan of No. 3221A Hebert street was held up Saturday night at the corner of Jefferson avenue and Hebert street, and robbed of \$28. Mr. Callahan was on his way home, and as he came to the corner of Hebert street a man grabbed him by the throat and went through his pockets.